



## PACIFIC GATEWAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK LOCAL RESOURCES OCCUPATION OF THE WEEK 10/29/08

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

#### **Network Centers**

Career Transition Center 3447 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807 562.570.WORK TTY: 562.570.4629  
Center for Working Families 1900 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806 562.570.4795 TTY: 562.570.4629  
Harbor WorkSource Center 1851 N. Gaffey St., Suite F, San Pedro, CA 90731 310.732.5700 TTY: 310.732.5714  
Torrance Career Center 1220 Engracia Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501 310.782.2101 TTY Relay 800.815.9387

#### **Recruitment Criteria**

- Sample Jobs: City Police Officers, Deputy Sheriffs, Police & Sheriff Detectives, California Highway Patrol (CHP)
- Good physical fitness, emotional maturity, ability to remain calm in emotionally charged situations
- 20 years of age or older                      ▪ U.S. Citizenship or granted within 3 years of appointment
- Valid Driver's License                      ▪ No felony convictions
- Ability to perform essential job functions, good observation, writing, communication, human relation skills

#### **Training / Educational Requirements**

- H.S. Grad / GED w/ recent college courses, bilingual skills desirable
- Successfully complete Police Academy training
- Training in Police Department policies/procedures, use of firearms, arrest procedures, community relations, custody

#### **Job Opportunities**

- Excellent overall job opportunities in city Police Departments
- With experience, can advance to supervisory positions
- Expect greater competition for state and federal positions, but increased openings due to anti-terrorism efforts
- 79% employed by city departments
- Median Annual Earnings \$47,460

#### **Suitability Assessment Questions**

Why do you feel law enforcement work would be a good fit for you?

Do you have good communication, human relation skills?

What have you done in the past that has prepared you for a career in law enforcement?

Can you work overtime and/or split, weekend and night shifts?

Law Enforcement work can be dangerous and stressful. How will you deal with these factors?

Can you follow protocols and department policies & procedures?

Do you have good hearing, at least 20/20 vision with glasses or corrective lenses, 70-degree field of vision, not color blind?

Do you have good time management and judgement skills, with good initiative and responsibility?